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SUBJECT: BISHKEK IN AUGUST: SHANGHAI COOPERATION
ORGANIZATION SECRETARIAT CONFIRMS SUMMIT DETAILS

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(C) Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Secretariat press counselor Zakharov confirmed to poloff March 21 that, despite rumors to the contrary, the 2007 summit meeting of SCO heads of state is scheduled for August in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The SCO Secretariat has not finalized the exact meeting date, Zakharov said, but noted that Kyrgyz officials have proposed August 16 as the summit date. Press reports suggesting the meeting location would be moved are inaccurate, he said.
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